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North Korea launches 2 missile tests

SEOUL, SOUTH KOREA—NORTH KOREA on Tuesday launched two of two more short-range missiles a day after detonating a nuclear bomb underground, pushing the region's confrontation with world powers further despite the threat of UN Security Council action.

Two missiles—one ground-to-air, the other ground-to-ship—with a range of about 130 kilometers were test-fired from an east coast launch pad, South Korea's Yonhap news agency reported, citing an unnamed government official.

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Pagbabago! to field candidate 'Paq Yu'

By Nika Catherine Calleja

WHO IS THE NEWEST presidential candidate? Paq Yu.

Pagsibo "Paq" Yu, whose name sounds like an obscenity, is a

PAGBABAGO A17



Noli-Ronnie tandem up



PORTENT OF THINGS TO COME In this file photo, President Arroyo is making her point with Interior Secretary Ronaldo Puno while Vice President Noli de Castro is the patient man-in-the-middle listener. Now, the man behind the election of the last three presidents is offering himself up front as "chief assistant to the next president." INQUIRER PHOTO

De Castro-Teodoro team also in the works

By Gil C. Cabacungan Jr. and Michael Lim Ubac

THE MAN WHO "MADE" THREE PHILIPPINE Presidents is gunning for No. 2 and a possible dream combination with the leading presidential contender, Vice President Noli de Castro.

In a briefing after yesterday's national council meeting of the Kabalikat ng Malayang Pilipino (Kampi)—the final such meeting before its official merger with Lakas-CMD on Thursday—Interior Secretary Ronaldo "Ronnie" Puno confirmed that he was keen on being nominated by the unified party at the party convention as its candidate for vice president in May 2010.

Puno, the campaign manager of Presidents Fidel V. Ramos (1992), Joseph Estrada (1998), and Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo (2004), said he chose to run as vice president in order to serve not only as "a spare tire" but also as "a chief assistant to the next president" because others were in a better position to be chosen as Lakas-Kampi standard-bearer.

"I believe there are three or four candidates already in the field who have been able to receive public acceptance and confidence," Puno said without naming names.

He added: "I will not try to compete with them. My expertise is in public service, as a background public official. I have always been known as a campaign manager rather than a candidate. But with the experience and loyalty I showed everyone that I serve, I will be able to help the next president lead this country beyond 2010 into continued prosperity.

"I don't have pretenses of having the qualities or the popularity of some of the candidates that are there. If you run for vice president, you must believe that you have what it takes to help make decisions that need to be made."

Puno spoke glowingly of De Castro, who leads in all the sur-

NOLI-RONNIE A17

Senate sets full-blown inquiry of Villar

By Christine O. Avendaño and Michael Lim Ubac

UNLESS THE SUPREME COURT orders otherwise, the Senate committee of the whole will conduct a full-blown inquiry into the ethics complaint lodged against Sen. Manuel Villar Jr. on June 1 and 4 before it adjourns on June 5.

Fourteen senators, all belonging to the majority bloc, yesterday agreed to study the evidence submitted by Sen. Ana Consuelo "Jamby" Madrigal to back her claim that Villar was behind the double funding of the C-5 extension road and the road's diversion to benefit his real estate interests in Las Piñas City.

Senate President Juan Ponce Enrile also agreed to stay on as presiding officer of the committee of the whole. He had offered to quit following his heated exchange on Monday with Senate Minority Leader Aquilino Pimentel Jr. (See story on Page A10.)

As expected, Villar and the minority senators allied with him continued to boycott the proceedings.

Asked to comment on Villar's coming trial, Pimentel said: "We will just wait for the Supreme Court [decision]."

Pimentel and the minority bloc last week filed a petition before the high court questioning the rules adopted by the

SENATE A16

PLDT-Lopez bloc controls power giant

By Doris C. Dumlao

IT WAS ALL HUNKY-DORY. A CHANGING of the guard was hardly perceptible.

At the close of a two-hour stockholders meeting of Manila Electric Co. (Meralco), Manuel "Manolo" Lopez remained chair of the board of the power distribution company his family has controlled for decades.

Jose de Jesus also stayed as Meralco president.

But the power behind these two men now lies with the group of businessman Manuel V. Pangilinan and telecommunications giant Philippine Long Distance Telephone Corp. (PLDT) that made its debut as the biggest voting bloc in the country's largest power retailer.

Including proxies from other share-

PLDT-LOPEZ A6

MERALCO: TITANS AT THE GATE

Noise dies down but rates still Asia's 2nd highest



MAN IN THE MIDDLE Manuel Pangilinan, PLDT chair (center), makes the difference in the seventh changing of the guard at Meralco. SMC president Ramon Ang (left), emerges as Meralco's new vice chair, MVP ExeCom chair and Manolo Lopez remains board chair. LYN RILLON

By Amy Remo

(Postscript to three-part series)

i-TEAM Report
Fernando del Mundo
Chief

A YEAR AFTER THE FIERY WINston Garcia barged into the boardroom of Manila Electric Co. (Meralco), cheered the heads of its officers and demanded lower power rates, the cost of electricity for consumers like Lourdes Balañon remained unchanged.

The sampaguita vendor from Manila's slum district of Tondo says her electricity bills went down, but it wasn't because of the widely publicized bluster of Garcia, president of the Government Service Insurance System (GSIS).

It was because her fridge broke down.

"Your electricity bill goes down depending on your usage," says the street-smart 50-year-old vendor, who pays a minimum monthly bill of P1,800 per month, oblivious to Meralco's rate adjustments.

The GSIS went on a buying spree before last year's Meralco stockholders meeting, but Garcia failed to unseat the Lopez family.

Nothing has been heard from the crusade of Garcia, who comes from a politically influential family that delivered 1 million votes to President Macapagal-Arroyo in the 2004 election.

Garcia had demanded full transparency and accountabili-

NOISE DIES A6

Is summer back? 'Twas Metro hottest day

By Alcuin Papa

TALK OF FICKLE WEATHER—RAINS AND storms in the summertime, unbearable heat during the rainy season.

Temperatures in Metro Manila reached the highest for this year on Monday, ironically coming in the early part of what is supposedly the "wet season."

Nathaniel Cruz, deputy administrator of the Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Adminis-

SUMMER A17

3 agencies, Senate probing sex videos

By Dona Pazzibugan, Christine O. Avendaño and Tarra Quismundo

WHEN IT COMES TO A SEX VIDEO scandal, one probe is not enough.

Three agencies and the Senate are investigating the Hayden Kho sex videos heating up cyberspace: The Philippine Medical Association (PMA), National Bureau of Investigation and Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA).

The Senate is set to conduct its own inquiry tomorrow.

The PMA is determined to investigate celebrity doctors Vicki Belo and Hayden Kho for their unethical conduct of proliferating Kho's secret sex videos with other women, allegedly including another doctor.

Dr. Rey Melchor Santos, PMA president, said the committee on ethics would likely summon Belo and Kho, who are both members of the PMA, to answer questions on whether they have violated the association's code of ethics.

"The PMA is taking special inter-

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SUDDENLY, FREEDOM Teachers (from left) Freires Quizon, Janetta delos Reyes and Raphael Mapinsala meet the press late Tuesday afternoon after their release by their Abu Sayyaf captors. In captivity for four months, they teach at Landang Gua Integrated School which is on an island off Zamboanga City. Delos Reyes says she and her fellow teachers were just told to pack up and leave camp and that they were on their way to freedom. (Story on Page A11.)

WEATHER FORECAST

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Poll machines tested today

THE COMMISSION ON ELECTIONS' bidding committee yesterday announced that the consortium of Smartmatic International and Total Information Management Corp. (Smartmatic-TIM) had "the single complying bid" for the contract to automate the 2010 polls.

This paves the way for a demonstration of the company's election machines today.



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Prosecutors say tax credit scam suspect not that sick







China calls for Spratlys cooperation

By Cynthia D. Balana

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It's safe to travel to RP, Durano tells tourists

FLU SHOTS AT AIRPORT



2 swine flu victims getting well

3 Baguio residents watched for flu virus

Under observation

Students orientation

Hike in 'sin taxes' to further cut collection, solon warns

By Gil Cabacungan Jr.

Downtrend

Simplified





Solons warned against clearing Joc-joc





PLDT-Lopez bloc now controls power giant



PANGILINAN: The power behind the boardroom

Great deal of goodwill

Loss politics?

No fireworks

Boardroom battle





Noise dies down but rates still Asia's 2nd highest

Familiar row made

Service 'greatly deteriorated'

Oil prices dictate charges

The reduction initiatives

Consumers only concern



SO THE PHILIPPINE CANINE CLUB, INC. (PCCI) MEMBERS, DOG LOVERS AND PUBLIC MAY KNOW

The ASIAN KENNEL CLUB UNION OF THE PHILIPPINES, INC. (AKCUPI) is a new dog registry recognized by the Philippine government and formally opened on March 31, 2008. It was formed to promote the purebred dog sport, responsible pet ownership and animal welfare. Only purebred dogs with certified pedigrees are accepted for registration with the AKCUPI. The club is affiliated with an international organization based in Taiwan called the KENNEL CLUB UNION OF ASIA (KCUA). The AKCUPI holds championship dog shows every last weekend of the month at its official venue the TIENDESITAS at Frontera Verde, Pasig City.

It has come to our attention that some of the dog lovers, who are also members of the Philippine Canine Club, Inc. (PCCI) and who have been participating in our dog shows have received identical letters from the PCCI threatening sanctions against them for the reason, allegedly that they "participated at (sic) the affairs of the ASIAN KENNEL CLUB UNION OF THE PHILIPPINES, INC. (AKCUPI) xxx whose purposes and objectives the PCCI Board has determined to be prejudicial to the best interests of the PCCI, its members and the purebred dog sport." Their aforecited letter also made it appear that the above-quoted actuations constitute a violation of the PCCI's 2003 Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws respectively.

We are taking particular exception to the PCCI Board's claim that these dog lovers alleged presence and/or participation directly or indirectly in an AKCUPI activity is prohibited under either or both the PCCI's Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws. There is absolutely NO provision in the By-Laws of 2003, which prohibits and/or renders punishable the act of a PCCI member in participating in an AKCUPI sponsored activity. Quite the contrary, the participation of PCCI members in the activities of other kennel clubs, like the AKCUPI, is explicitly allowed and even encouraged in the PCCI's Articles of Incorporation, particularly in Article II, Section 2.3 and 2.8 thereafter. Thus, the Articles of Incorporation of the PCCI expressly states that among its various purposes include the following:

> "*Section 2.3* To protect and advance the interests of different breeds by encouraging sportsmanship in competition and promoting all related activities such as but not limited to, responsible pet ownership, owner handling, junior handling, pet grooming, agility, obedience and conformation shows."
>
> "*Section 2.8* To subscribe to, become a member of and cooperate with any association, whether incorporated or not, whose objectives are altogether or in part similar to those of this corporation."

Needless to state, the aforequoted provisions are just a few of the many provisions found in the Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws of the PCCI which refute in no uncertain terms the PCCI Board's otherwise completely unfounded view that participation in an AKCUPI activity is supposedly a prohibited and actionable offense thereunder.

The forgoing not withstanding, the PCCI Board's threat to impose sanctions against its members, and for the putative reason stated in their letter constitutes a direct transgression and defiance of the writ of preliminary injunction that was issued against the PCCI by the Regional Trial Court (RTC) of Quezon City, Branch 93 in Civil Case #Q-09-207. Should the PCCI Board persist in their unlawful threat to impose sanctions on any PCCI member on the basis of their manifest misreading of the PCCI Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws, the AKCUPI shall provide legal assistance to these people in order to protect their interests.

Concerned individuals who received this type of letter from the PCCI may contact the AKCUPI office for assistance.

We appeal to the Board of Directors of the Philippine Canine Club, Inc. to comply with the court order and just let its members enjoy the dog sport, after all, the PCCI belongs to ALL its members and is not owned by the Board alone. Together, we can BOTH work to promote the dog sport in this country for the benefit of all dog loving Filipinos.

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Enrile, Pimentel trade barbs over Villar probe

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Personal attack

'Truth hurts'

'Let history be judge'

Senate sets full-blown inquiry of Villar on June 1 and 4

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'Full faith and confidence'

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NBI summons Chua again

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Senate inquiry

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Bohol won't allow Hayden presence



North Korea launches 2 missile tests

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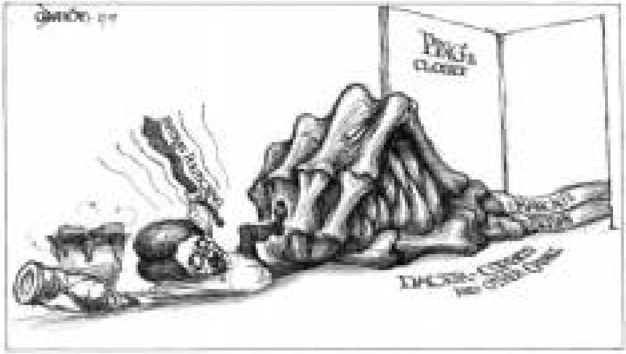
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Machismo and violence

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Epidemics in Rizal's time

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Ambeth R. Ocampo

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The strange case of GSIS retiree Nane Bacani

LETTERS

DA doing its part to stop spread of H1N1 virus

Pacquiao can serve country outside of politics

Job mismatch an indictment vs Palace, Tesda

Across the NATION

3 kidnapped Zambo teachers freed; 3 others remain captive

Kato, MILF men go on rampage again

Rebels on the run burn homes, blast bridges, ambush soldiers

COTABATO CITY—MORO REBELS, LED BY Ameril Ombra Kato, went on a rampage again yesterday, burning houses in a village, bombing two bridges, and attacking government soldiers in Maguindanao, the military said.

NEWSBRIEFS

■ CEBU CITY

3 plumbers electrocuted

■ LEGAZPI CITY

Rebels raid DPWH office

Dead boy in fishpond

■ LUCENA CITY

Dangerous highway



ANIMAL HUSBANDRY

Now that swine flu has penetrated the country, the Cordillera's treatment of hogs for ritual feasts would be reviewed.

Rights group raises fears researcher held by Army

Panlilio suspends exec for expired noodles



AN AMERICAN soldier helps paint a school building in Lapu-Lapu City.

Same problems beset schools every year

Lack of textbooks

INQUIRER Northern Luzon

He teaches people to heal themselves

By Gabriel Cardinoza
Manaoag, Pangasinan

FAITH HEALER ALEX ORBITO MUST BE GOOD. FOR MORE than 50 years now, people with serious ailments here and abroad still pin their hopes on him to be cured.



ORBITO



FAITH healer Alex Orbito conducts a healing session inside a cave in Mabini, Pangasinan.

Arrested



FOREIGN participants in a healing service pose for posterity with faith healer Alex Orbito at the Pyramid of Asia resort in Manaoag, Pangasinan. At the background is the 11-meter high pyramid, the resort's centerpiece.

Everything about Philippine culinary arts and tradition

By Tonette Orejas
Angeles City

ALMOST A DECADE before the big television networks popularized the catchwords "Kapuso" and "Kapamilya," Milagros Santiago-Enriquez coined "Ka..." for everything about Philippine culinary arts and tradition.



ENRIQUEZ

Historical context



'She kept track of the evolution of Philippine cuisine to help the new generation learn about the past'

Noli-Ronnie tandem up but De Castro-Teodoro also seen

De Castro-Teodoro

'Not a centavo richer'

Party frontrunners

Loyalty check

Where's Villafuerte

Pagbabago! to field candidate 'Paq Yu'



'PAQ YU' IN THE FLESH Pagbabago!'s chair Sr. Mary John Mananzan, Archbishop Oscar Cruz and Jun Lozada meet satirical presidential candidate Paquito Yu during its founding assembly at the University of Makati.

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Long-term change

Whistle-blower

What's new?

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Staggering heat in rainy season

Heat and rain

Latest forecast

2 storms

QC kids rout Batang PBA-Bacolod

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Nuggets crush Lakers

Reuters

Que makes it to US Open

POC's Youth Games request too late

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MAYOR LIM: Crucial time.

Sleepless nights over Ord. 7177

By Tina G. Santos

MANILA MAYOR ALFREDO LIM HAS ADMITTED that he has been experiencing sleepless nights over the controversial proposed ordinance that would allow the Pandacan oil depot to continue operating in the city.

"Truth is, ever since the proposed ordinance landed on my table, I began having sleepless nights just thinking about the different decisions that I alone must make," Lim confided to Manila Archbishop Gaudencio Cardinal Rosales during a meeting Monday afternoon.

Lim sought the advice of Rosales on the controversial City Council Ordinance 7177 as well as on issues involving their constituents.

The meeting was also attended by officials of the Big 3 oil companies—Petron, Chevron and Pilipinas Shell—who briefed Rosales on their plans for the Pandacan oil facility.

"I like that when I make my decision, it will be done in utmost fairness to everyone concerned and after consulting with as many affected sectors as possible in the interest of transparency and good governance," Lim added.

For the past few days, the

SLEEPLESS A22

Decision time tomorrow

By TJ Burgonio

MANILA MAYOR ALFREDO Lim has until tomorrow to approve or veto the proposed Ordinance 7177 which seeks to rezone a property in Pandacan, and keep the oil depot of three big oil firms in the city.

After hearing Catholic nuns and foreign traders argue in favor of the oil depot yesterday, Lim conceded that it has become easier for him to decide whether or not to approve the controversial ordinance.

Lim held a dialogue with

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NBI files raps vs fake cosmetic doctor

By Tina G. Santos

Bank teller loses P3M to robbers



Bid to use RP for DVD piracy foiled

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PHILIPPINE MARKETING CRISIS SUMMIT SET IN JUNE

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Suspect in Pasay fire held

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Decision time

Suu Kyi faces tribunal, denies junta's charges



Cyclone floods India, Bangladesh, kills 73



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Pakistanis in Swat Valley face catastrophe

Web-sensation Spanish blogger dies; 97

4 leftist politicians in Mexico ambushed

What could possibly go wrong?

Groom drinks too much at wedding, dies

Man pushes would-be suicide off bridge

Court frees cross-dressing flashing 'nuns'

Park plays high-pitch tone to discourage vandals

'Please, don't dump your dead here'

Suicide bomber kills 3

The WORLD

A(H1N1) virus hits cruise ship passengers

13,000 flu cases; 92 deaths

CHICAGO—AUTHORITIES IN MEXICO announced three more swine flu deaths and the United States and Canada one more death each as the world's largest vaccine maker signed a deal with the United States to produce a swine flu vaccine.

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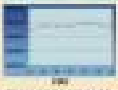
After Meralco, MVP eyes 77% of Philstar

PLDT chief says deal 'will happen within the year'

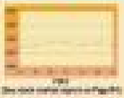
THE GROUP OF PHILIPPINE LONG DISTANCE TELEphone Co. chair Manuel V. Pangilinan is nearing a deal to acquire at least 75 percent of the country's third most widely read newspaper Philippine Star.

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Stocks close lower

Imports fell 36% in March to $3.27B



Senate OKs scrapping of tax on stock trading

By Doris C. Dumlao

Two thumbs, way up

Biz Buzz *By the staff*

Gentleman Manolo

The Meralco lovefest ... or is it?

Chink in the armor

Reading the press

Doing a Danding



SECURITY Bank Corp. chair Frederick Dy replies to a suggestion by one of the stockholders during the annual stockholders' meeting at the Jonathan Dy Hall, Security Bank Centre in Makati.

Security Bank to boost lending; approves cash dividend

By Ronnel W. Domingo

US Fed requirement stalls PNB-Allied merger

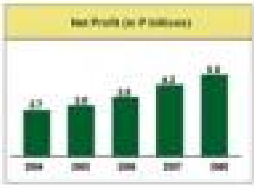
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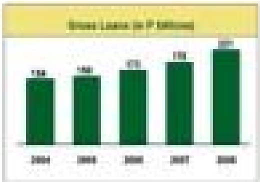
PNOC unit inks jatropha deals

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According to LANDBANK president and CEO Gilda E. Pico, "The continued expansion of our loan portfolio is a testament of our commitment of achieving greater rural development impact. We are focusing our assistance to identified sectors which share our vision of a vibrant countryside by creating economic activities and generating employment in the rural areas."

Imports ...

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ores and related materials, which represented the second biggest subgroup in terms of value—crashed 60.1 percent to $467.22 million from $1.17 billion in the same month last year.

The country's No. 3 import for the month, cereal and cereal preparations, rose 27.9 percent to $245.35 million from $184.41 million.

On the other hand, No. 4 was transport equipment, which decreased to $161.09 million or 39.9 percent lower than the year ago total of $268.05 million.

Industrial machinery and equipment imports slid by 24.7 percent to $135.65 million from $179.82 million.

Philippine Stock Exchange

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After Meralco ...

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of the PLDT Beneficial Trust Fund, which had been conducting a due-diligence audit on the Philippine Star group, including its affiliate media outfits and printing plants.

Asked whether his personal stake of 8 percent in the broadsheet will be part of the deal, Pangilinan said he had long sold it to the retirement fund of PLDT at cost.

"I'm not conflicted (in this transaction)," he said.

Majority of the publication is owned by the Belmonte family while the estate of the late journalist Max Soliven accounts for 30 percent, business sources said. The Soliven family has yet to consent to the block sale.

MediaQuest is the PLDT group's vehicle for media-related investment opportunities. The company owns 100 percent of Mediascape Inc., which has a congressional franchise that allows it to provide broadcast services. It also holds a controlling interest in Nation Broadcasting Corp., which operates a network of radio stations, a minority interest in Central CATV, a cable TV company operating under the name of Sky Cable, and a 20 percent stake in the newspaper BusinessWorld.

Asked about the group's interest on BusinessWorld, Pangilinan said: "Maybe they need additional capital."

T-bond yield down 68 bps

Investors await further cut in BSP rates

PSALM plans bond issue in 2010

Landbank taps $105M in ODA for infra deals

PLDT to bring advanced broadband direct to home

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FOR MORE FUEL-EFFICIENT CARS

US move still runs short of Chinese, European standards

By Tessa R. Salazar

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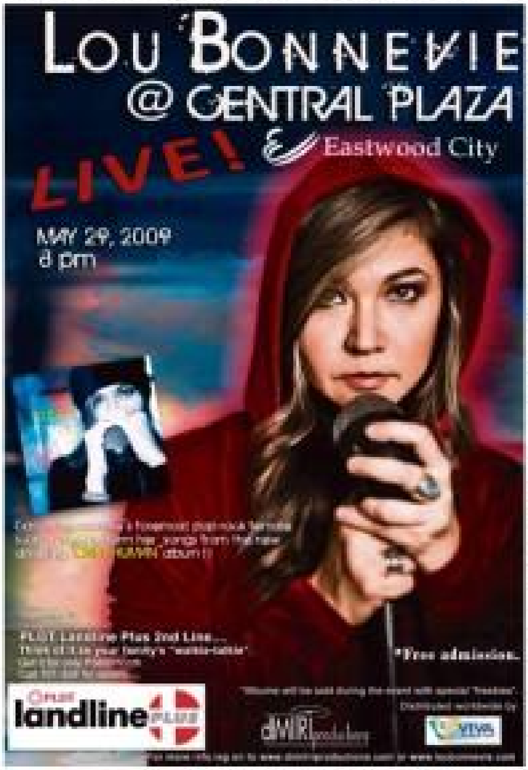
Meralco explores ways to cut down on costs



IN A HUDDLE

Employees of power utility apprehensive of new owners

Globe set to oppose gov't SMS proposal



Inflation seen to ease as peso gains strength

In considering key rates, BSP officials play it cool



LIFESTYLE Parenting



How to make your kids eat properly

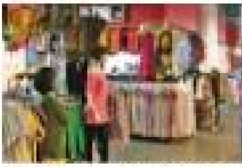
By Irene C. Perez

DON'T PANIC IF FEEDING YOUR KID every meal is a frustrating deal. There is something you can do about it.

"Globally, 30-40 percent [of kids] are picky eaters," says Dr. ...

"The No. 1 rule: Do not force your kids to eat."





THIS IS the Market! Market! version of Divisoria shopping



NATIVE delicacies



FRUIT stands



FLOWERS galore

Community shopping at neighborhood mall



Market! Market! caters to both the well-heeled and the masses



MARKET! Market! on a weekday



POTTED plants



EXPORT-QUALITY wicker chairs







Last call for Design Lab entries

Rogelio Sicat workshop

Bikini showdown

Visual arts festival

Poetry clinic

Theme park events

National flag day

Fan fiction workshop

Dampa opening



DOCTORS Digna Almeida, Marisar Yabyabin, Thomas Linscheid and Russell James Merritt give pointers to parents on how to handle picky eaters, at the PediaSure event dubbed "The Identification and Management of Children with Feeding Difficulties."

How to make your kids eat properly

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"They will get used to it and eventually consume it."

Structure

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Basic steps

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- **Be a model.** Show your kids that you're eating a good mix of food.
- **Experiment.** [illegible]
- **Expose.** [illegible]
- **Do not pressure your kid to eat.**
- **Consult a pediatrician.**

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CLINICALLY proven to promote growth and reduce the number of sick days among children

Provide structure; do not force them

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Do visitors in Bohol. . .

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PLDT first, before RP

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Lessons from the Puerto Galera tragedy

ROOTS AND WINGS

Cathy Babao-Guballa



Who regulates the ferries that leave the Batangas port? What are the Coast Guard and Marina doing? Are they doing their job at all?

Do visitors to Bohol resorts have to pay 'gator fee'?

THE CONSUMER

Linda B. Bolido



DESIGNER Ronaldo Arnaldo in his Makati office

Fashion designer has finally arrived, literally

Rising star Ronaldo Arnaldo has transferred his studio from Tondo to Makati, which has an Asian modern look, but still keeps to his down-home Tondo roots

By Alex Y. Vergara

POSITIVE REVIEWS DON'T only bring an increase in business. In the case of fashion designer Ronaldo Arnaldo, good media buzz about his clothes has enabled him to move to a more accessible address in Makati.

Arnaldo, a Medical Technology graduate from the Far Eastern University, was quite happy working under the radar, running his dressing shop on Jose Abad Santos Avenue in Tondo, Manila, until he joined a group show several years ago.

Such was the impact of his collection that fashion journalists, including this reporter, were one in declaring that the then little-known designer, who really stood out from the pack for his streamlined and wearable pieces, had arrived.

FASHION D3







A WEDDING gown to lure in clients





COLLECTION of fashion books

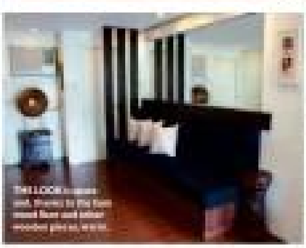
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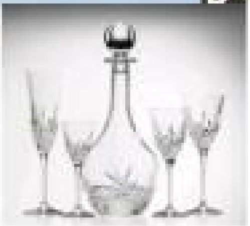




TOSCA Mosso set from Richard Ginori



SCIROCCO Vase from RCR Da Vinci



CITONA Calici from RCR Da Vinci

Festival presents Italy's fashion, food and culture



TOD'S HELMET Zip Pouch in Magenta Python



PEEP-TOE boots from Sergio Rossi



TOY WATCH Naked Round Pink Gold



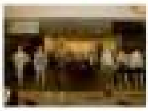
A PLAY on color from the latest collection of Emilio Pucci

Premier Lifestyle at Power Plant Mall





There are a hundred reasons why Power Plant Mall remains a preferred shopping ground for the well-heeled. And they've just added a few more digs for you to explore.







Amped-up classic brands

Original Penguin by Munsingwear (R2 Level), heralded as the clubhouse label in the 1960s and the favored brand of icons like Arnold Palmer, Richard Nixon, and Bing Crosby, reinvents the classic suburban leisure brand and has expanded its product portfolio to include women's apparel, footwear, watches and eyewear. By retooling its classic designs and marrying suburban chic with a clever sense of humor, Original Penguin exudes a greater appeal to the younger, more fashion-savvy set.

Another much-loved brand/the casual wear has introduced a fresh new concept to its collection to provide a wider range of choices and a new playground for individuality. Aptly named Giordano Concepts (R2 Level), the design philosophy driving this young brand is a relaxed, understated sophistication that "dresses up" Giordano's well-known casual look. Giordano Concepts maintains the brand's global appeal but ups the ante for design and style that is relaxed and chic at the same time.

Glitz and glamour

Dressing up requires the right pair of shoes. With the opening of signature label Charles & Keith (R2 Level), you can romp around a room in fashionable, yet comfy footwear. Charles & Keith is a must-have footwear brand for ladies who require a fusion of style and sensibility. The brand showcases its latest concoction of grace, sensuality and style with the Charles & Keith Signature Label that also features a collection of belts and sunglasses.

Only two things remain to accentuate the look – accessories and cosmetics.

Accessory Lab (R2 Level) provides an array of jewelry and fashion pieces designed by talented and renowned artists from the Philippines and Asia. From crystal bangles and four-stranded bracelets, to opera length pearl necklaces and hand-painted enamel pendants, Accessory Lab features eclectic collections from brands and designers like Kristine Dee, Daphne Oseña-Paez, Candy Dizon, Victoria & Beatrice, Benjamin Favored Son, Janina D. Hoechler, Rosalina Chua-Velasco, L Benjamin and Hoopla. The boutique also offers made-to-order or made-to-fit fashion pieces as well as healing stones and natural crystals, which are said to bring luck, wealth, health or a general sense of well-being or comfort.

Providing a unique alternative for beauty and skin care is Jurlique (R2 Level), with its selection of biodynamic beauty products. Founded by a husband-and-wife team in 1985, Jurlique harnesses the potency of nature to create blends of organic herbs and flowers. Its Biodynamic Skin Care line revives your skin and brings out a smooth, fresh and luminous complexion to enhance your unique, natural beauty.

Sizzle and simmer

Grab a bite at Manila's premier cheesesteak place, Elbert's Cheesesteak Sandwiches (P1 Level). Beef, onions, cheese on a bread roll. No fuss and really nothing fancy. But the simplicity is what always gets you. Elbert's Cheesesteak Sandwiches boasts of using thinly sliced USDA-certified sirloin beef and caramelized onions on an 8-inch hoagie roll. Top it off with either cheddar or provolone cheese or even marinara sauce to give that extra creamy, mouth-watering flavor.

Or if you'd like to enjoy family time with the kids, try out Cibo Bambini (R3 Level), a child-friendly version of all-time favorite, Cibo by Dalla Pores. Share a portion of potato chips and mayo dip with your kids as you wait for your food to be served. Whether it's panini, pasta or pizza, your kids will love the tasteful fun servings of Cibo comfort-food favorites at Cibo Bambini.

Head on down to Power Plant Mall at Rockwell and check out these new sweet spots. For more information, call 898.1702 or log on to www.powerplantmall.multiply.com.

LIFESTYLE Home&Entertaining

Creating your dream gar

By Julio Ramirez

FOR A COUNTRY LIKE OURS with only two dominant seasons, summer is as good a time as any to start one's dream garden. Preparing the land before the onset of the first rains of May makes plants survive the scorching summer.

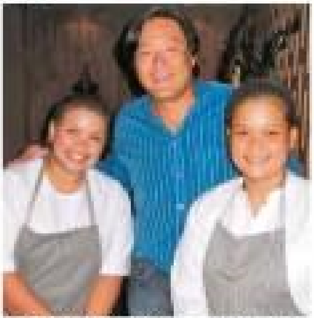





PEPPER Lunch's Jeroen Van Brunen


JAO/WTH Malu Gamboa and Anton Barretto


FUN PAIR G. and her husband J. Gamboa, restaurant chef of Cirkulo and Milky Way


ADJ/TRN Restaurant's chefs, Tip Chieowong and Noni Nosenal, with world-renowned chef and cookbook author Ming Tsai, during his visit to Manila.

Celebrity chef Ming Tsai treated to grand feast

WORLD-CLASS CHEF JAY GAMBOA and his cyber-smart sister and restaurant entrepreneur, Malu Gamboa, hosted a dinner for visiting celebrity chef **Ming Tsai**, no less, at their newest [illegible] restaurant, [illegible]. Ming's Manila visit was made possible by Kyocera Advanced Ceramics, in celebration of its 50th anniversary and the milestone sales of an awesome five million ceramic knives worldwide.

Starting off with cocktails were tons of friends from the foodie and fashion world, dahlings, like Kyocera's Fuji Goto and Yoshi Takayama, Everdina's Nelson Co, renowned chef and my close amiga **Reggie Aspiras**, Happy Living's Kathy Sauceo, [illegible] Gilbert [illegible], Unilever's executive chef **Jeremy Gonzales**, Bistro Filipino's **Rolando Laudico**, Pepper Lunch's **Jeroen** and Cecile Van Brunen, Cupcakes' Ronjie Ocampo, and Pia Abrera.

The restaurant's top-class chefs, **Tip Chieowong** and **Noni Nosenal** from Thailand, prepared a to-die-for spread of Thai favorites including Pomelo Salad, Green Chicken Curry, Steamed Apahap with lime, garlic and coriander, Bagoong Fried Rice, Pad Thai, Rosario, as well as fruit carvings.

During cocktails, Ming graciously obliged the loads of photo requests and eagerly signed autographs. He even brought his own "Mungtsi," yoknow, the cooking knife sans yoga here in the kitchen, dahlings.

Ming is an alumnus of the prestigious Le Cordon Bleu in Paris and Yale University, with a degree in Mechanical Engineering. Then Ming learned from pastry chef **Pierre Hermé** in Paris and sushi master **Kobayashi** of Osaka. Returning to the States, he earned a master's degree in Hotel Administration and Hospitality Marketing at Cornell University. In 1998, he popularized East-West cuisine through his now world-renowned restaurant, Blue Ginger, in Wellesley, Massachusetts.

In its first year, Blue Ginger was chosen "Best New Restaurant" by Boston Magazine. The James Beard Foundation also named it the "Best New Restaurant" in 1998. Esquire Magazine gave it the Fo Award. In 2009, Ming and Blue Ginger won the DiRōNA Silver Plate Award in the Independent Restaurant category.

During dinner, the buffet table was refilled four times—some of my friends even went for four servings. Two in particular couldn't get enough of the yummy Thai menu. And to think they have super figures, dahlings.

Aside from the colorful desserts, I dug in to the deliciously divine Berry Strawberry Ice Cream of chef J. Gamboa's and chef **Rolando Laudico's** Chocolate Truffle, one of the three exclusive Selecta Gold series, dahlings.

A perfect way to end a gastronomic feast.

Exclusive party

It was one fashion party at the ultra-exclusive Membership Only lounge bar of The Fort. Entitled "Prive," the event was held in partnership with Preview magazine. It was a preview of the latest collections of Manila's top designers, worn by their favorite muses, no less, dahlings.

WITHOUT BATTING AN EYELASH

Maurice Arcache



Photos by Allen Vina Pilapont using PBL Photo Solutions

Heading the list was prolific designer, **Pepe Quiñones**, who dressed 12 of his favorite women: pretty **Divina Lee**, Kaxi Queen **Lolo Tan-Que**, vivacious **Carmina Sanchez**, **Mia Kauffman**, **Candy Dizon**, beautiful **Cat Arambulo**, **Solenn Heussaff**, **Pia Campos**, **Ange de la Cruz**, **Lexie Forpan**, **Kia Bolino** and **Isabelle Collo**. Guests enjoyed drinking 42 Below Vodka and Sea Breeze, a fruity cocktail with a kick, dahlings.

Mags in Luzon

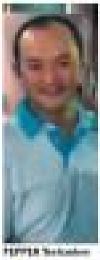
The fastest-growing trendy boutique in Visayas and Mindanao finally invades Luzon, dahlings. Mags held its grand store opening at the Annex Building, L 3 L, SM City North Edsa. Gorgeous **Rica Peralejo**, Mags' eye-catching celebrity endorser, headed the ribbon-cutting.

Mags boutique is owned by young fashionable mom, **Mags Lopez Colpito**, and her husband from Cagayan de Oro, banker and magnate **Oliver John Cos**, yoknow. The store's architect is **Edwin Uy**. Today, Mags has branches in Limketkai Mall in Cagayan de Oro City, Ayala Center Cebu, SM City Davao, Iloilo, Cagayan de Oro and SM North Edsa. It's soon to open in SM Pampanga. "I plan to open more stores this 2009. After all, it's the Year of the Ox, and that's a lucky sign for me," said the woman of substance, dahlings.


EYE-CATCHER Marissa Lopa and son Rob

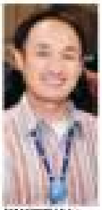

BISTRO Filipino's Rolando Laudico and Reggie Aspiras


ANGELETTE Cabos with Toni Borsoto, Jack Dwyer and Kiray Jacinto


PEPPER 'Berlcasino'


YKORE, founder and Rica Cruz with Ming Tsai and Raja Laurel


ANGEL Aquino with the gorgeous guest of honor, Rica Peralejo, and the woman of the hour, Mags Cos, with Bangs Garcia

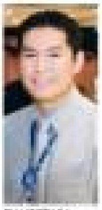

SM NORTH Edsa assistant mall manager Dennis Sy


KAXI Queen Lolo Tan-Que with designer Pepe Quiñones


CARMINA Sanchez with Mike Jacob


ISHA Andaya and Divina Lee


CAMA Cos with Mags Cos, Jerwin and wife Vivian Cos and Marcel Cos


SM NORTH Edsa marketing manager Jose Mario Tayag


MY BEAUTIGUE Body Ann Caringsan with Pamela Aparicio and Bella's top salesman Manny Villeroso

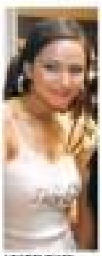

PAUL Borja, branch manager of Mags SM North Edsa, with Angel of Kloves


MIA KAUFFMAN with Angelique Guerrer and Candy Dizon


TARA Tandaming and Erik Cua


MARCO Lobregat with Solenn Heussaff


JENNY Yrasuegui with Monica Antonio, Theresa Leong and Mica Apilaning


HEADTURNER Wendy Valdez

Vancouver-based Filipino artist at the Ayala Museum





VANCOUVER-BASED FILIPINA ARTIST [illegible]

Creating your dream garden



Experiment

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CATTLEYA orchids (above) are widely available locally.

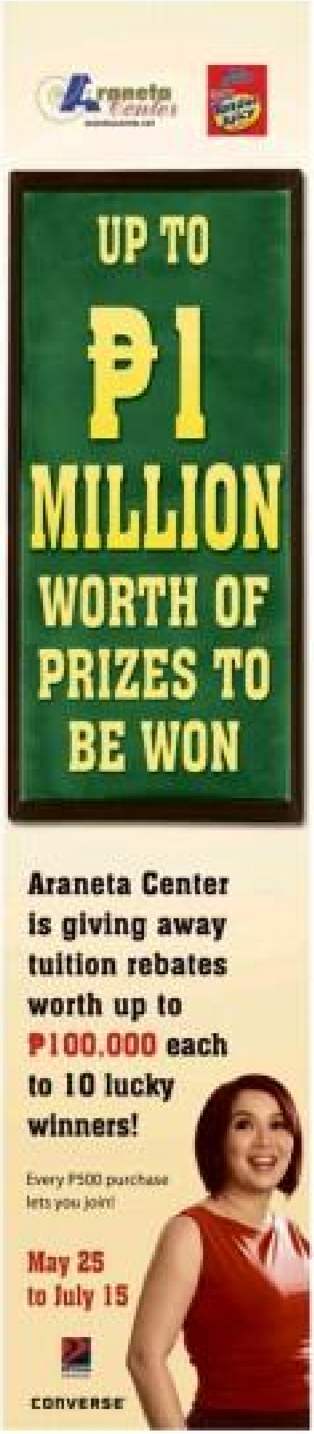


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Furnishings for the urban . . .



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Dwell features licensed and nonlicensed reproductions of designs from masters like Eames, Saarinen and Van Der Rohe



BARCELONA accent chair will be the focal point of any room



SILVA bed with Eames lounge chair and ottoman

Furnishings for the urban lifestyle

By Liz S. Bernardo

AS WITH ALL GREAT IDEAS, it starts off with necessity. Marga Lorenzana and her husband, Eugene, were avid travel collectors. Meaning, they would always find something for their home during their trips abroad. Along came overweight luggage and shipping nightmares. This brought about one of Manila's favorite spots for home furnishings, a store at the Grand Eastwood Palazzo of Eastwood City, Libis, QC.

FURNISHINGS E5



EROS chair



PORTA Dresser



PHILIPPE accent chairs in red

BPI Family Savings Bank honors its Provincial Champion Brokers







After a super successful launch in Metro Manila, BPI Family Savings Bank (BFSB) rolled a series of events in key provincial areas nationwide, to salute the individuals who displayed their lightning quick moves and winning strategies.

The 2009 BPI Family Savings Bank's Brokers Circle Pinoy Challenge, a much awaited event that rewards the most determined housing loan brokers of the year, saw champions emerged from Cebu, San Fernando Pampanga, Cagayan de Oro, Bacolod, Iloilo and Davao. As in Metro Manila, the series of launches celebrated the essence of the Filipino's perseverance and competitiveness inspired by the people's champ, Manny Pacquiao.

The event also served as the venue to launch the 2009 Brokers Circle rewards program. BFSB values its broker partners and ensures a superior program to inspire the brokers to push themselves to the limit. The program includes exclusive quarterly lunches with senior officers of the bank which is featured in the major dailies. Broker partners are given instant cash and instant prize incentives for every successfully booked housing loan referral. And they are generously rewarded and properly recognized for their efforts through the annual awards.

The Pinoy Challenge 2009 program began with an upbeat mood-setting audio visual presentation, an energetic dance number and a rousing intro from BFSB President Alfonso Salcedo, Jr., BPI Chief Marketing Officer SVP Jojo Ocampo, Division Head of Retail Mortgage VP Celyn Sia Ang, Head of Loans Marketing VP Charmaine Abad and Head of Provincial Broker Channel AVP Mak Tabanig who came all the way from Manila to personally celebrate their partnership with the broker guests. Host was no other than BFSB's very own Senior Manager Chito Tacapin.

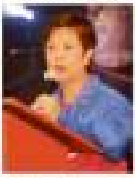
After the launch of the 2009 Rewards program, the highlight of the affair immediately followed—the recognition and awarding of the most deserving and tenacious brokers of 2008.

Special awards were given to the Rookie Broker of the Year, the Most Improved Broker, Broker with the most number of booked referrals, the Broker with the highest one-time referral and the Most Valuable Broker. Worthy to note were the Top 3 awardees who came from the Vis-Min area – Davao, Cebu and Bacolod. Reaping the rewards of partnering with BFSB, the beaming winners were awarded with Boxing Title Belts, customized jackets and trips abroad.

Now stronger than ever on its 12th year, the Brokers Circle rewards program was revitalized to motivate the brokers to give their best once more. BPI Family Savings Bank has again upped the ante in this year's rewards program. And with bigger and better prizes in store for the sharpest of contenders, the 2009 Pinoy Challenge will surely get the brokers into their finest fighting form.♦



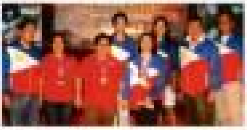




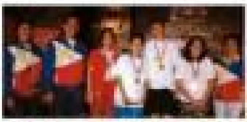


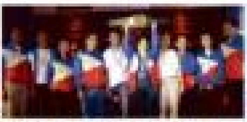


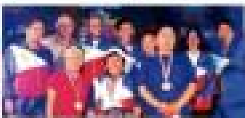












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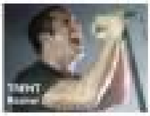


Maricel's indie spirit

Opening This Week

Agaton and Mindy

Wanna join these contests?

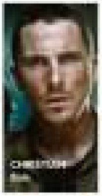


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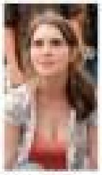
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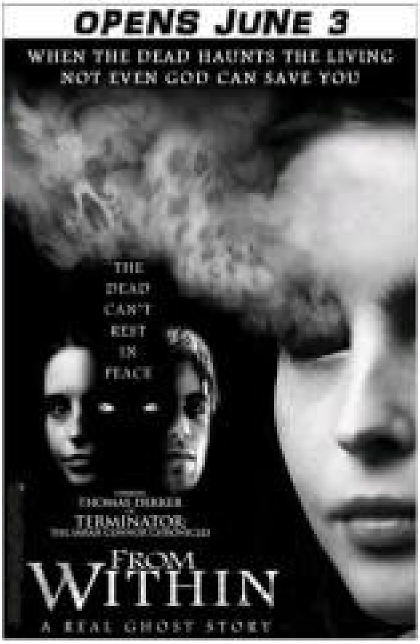
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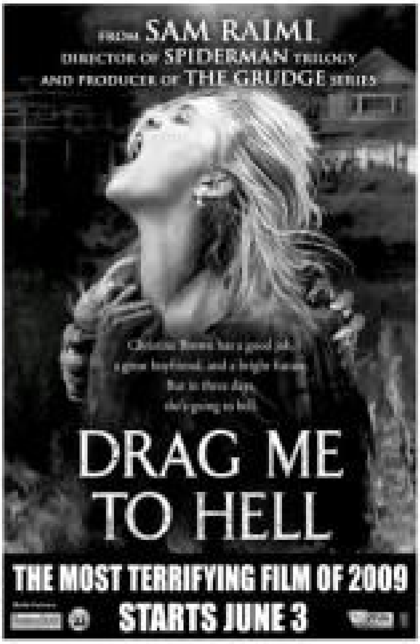
Terminator Salvation



ELIZABETH Rice

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STA. ROSA

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Art of 'deadma' for model-actress in sex video

RUSHES

What a coincidence

Better late than never

Absent-minded dad



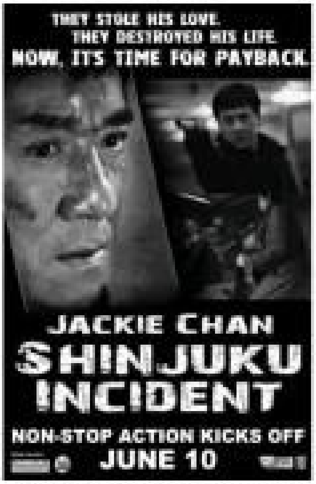
KATRINA Halili with then-boyfriend Kris Lawrence

Rousing send-off

Rare Audrey stamp

Oops!

Top of the talk shows





ComicRelief

GARFIELD — BY JIM DAVIS



A. LIPIN



PUGAD BABOY — BY PAL JUNIOR



DICK TRACY



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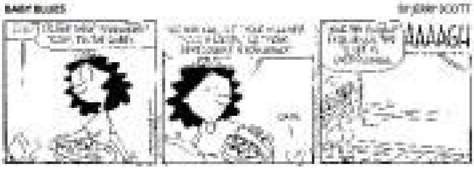
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DIVINE COMEDY



BABY BLUES — BY JERRY SCOTT



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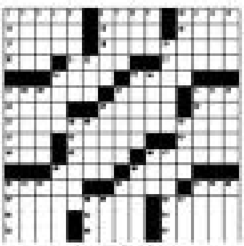


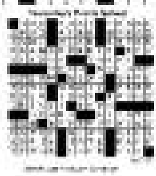






CROSSWORD PUZZLE





HOROSCOPE

BY FRANCIS DRAKE

CONCEPTIS SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku

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Difficulty Level ★★★

HOW TO PLAY SUDOKU

Answer to previous puzzle

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1	7	2	8	4	6	3	5	9
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6	1	3	9	7	2	5	8	4
9	4	8	5	3	1	2	6	7
8	3	6	2	1	9	4	7	5
7	2	4	3	5	8	6	9	1
5	9	1	4	6	7	8	3	2

Katrina remains Vicki's clinic endorser

Dolly Wood
Dolly Anne Carvajal







Sick jokes

Show biz nightmare

Rainy day treats





Maricel's indie spirit

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No small role

